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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, ICAPS

Subject: Permanent Committee on USSR Intentions

1. The proposed IAC agreement on the establishment of a "Watch Committee" is strongly endorsed by this office. The development, at a central point, of basic EEI on USSR intentions for war, and the setting up of long-range priorities within these EEI, will be of substantial assistance to us in the more selective procurement of relevant information, especially within the USSR. On the short-range basis the periodic exchange of items of information pertinent to the EEI will permit us to evaluate and follow up more effectively current secret intelligence reports which are considered by the Committee in drawing up their basic estimates.

2. It is suggested that a third responsibility be added under para. 5b:

"(3) Evaluating immediately upon receipt spot intelligence reports stating that the USSR plans to initiate local or large-scale military action."

This provision will assure that "scare" reports of this nature will not be acted upon before receiving rapid and expert determination of the reliability of the source and the credibility of the content.

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